

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE
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2 NGR
N M 9 9 3 7 5 5 2 9
3 QUAL
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4 DISTRICT
LOCHABER

5 PARISH
LISMORE & APPIN (NORTH)

6 SITE NAME
D U R O R C H U R C H

7 AREA STATUS

8 SITE STATUS

9 REGIONAL STATUS

10 GENERIC TYPE
CHURCH + MANSE

11 CONCORDANCE
OS NM95NE(M1)

12 FORM
STANDING STRUCTURE

13 DIMENSIONS

14 PERIOD/DATE
MO/1826 AD

15 DATING METHOD
DOC

16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS

17 CONDITION
FUNCTIONAL

18 SHAPE

19 THREAT AND DATE

20 LAND USE
ENCLOSED LAND

21 GEOLOGY

22 SOILS

23 VEGETATION

24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE

25 RELIEF
LEVEL GROUND

26 ASPECT
SSE

27 ALTITUDE
30=40m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

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2. R. C. A. H. M. S.: 1975: ARGYLL INVENTORY: HMSO: VOL 2: ppno244 +328, Figs 118 +119

30 GROUND PLAN NO.

31 GROUND PHOTO NO.

32 SLIDES NO.

33 HR. AP. NO.

34 NMR. AP. NO.

35 OTHER AP. NO. SOURCE

36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION

37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

38 SAMPLES

39 PALYNOLOGY

40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.

41 SMALL FINDS

42 MUSEUM/LOCATION

43 OTHER

44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER

45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER

46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT

47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT

48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS

49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE

50 RECORDER: DATE
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52 TEXT

"NM 9937 5529. Duror Church: Telford parliamentary kirk, erected 1826."(1)
"See continuation card for additional text and diagrams"

244. Parish Church, Duror. This church (Pl. 24A) was built in 1827 to serve the adjacent portion of the combined parish of Lismore and Appin, being one of a series of 'Parliamentary kirks' erected in the Highlands

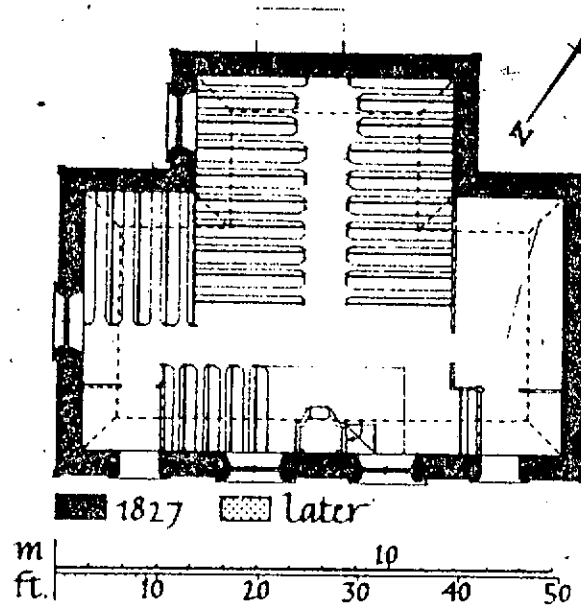


Fig. 118. Parish Church, Duror (No. 244); plan

at that time according to plans and specifications furnished by the Inverness architect James Smith and approved by Thomas Telford. Building-operations were supervised by Joseph Mitchell, the total cost of the church and adjacent manse (No. 328) being £1470.²

The building is of T-plan form (Fig. 118) and conforms closely to Telford's published design for a Highland church.³ The main block measures 16.1 m from NE to SW by 9.4 m transversely over all, while the wing measures 3.7 m in depth and 9.3 m in width over all; the walls have a thickness of 0.76 m. The masonry is of coursed rubble with offset quoins and dressings of pink sandstone. The roof is gable-ended, the SW gable being surmounted by a bird-cage belfry capped with a pyramidal finial. The principal, or NW, elevation (Fig. 119) incorporates a pair of large four-centred arch-headed windows flanked by corresponding doorways. The windows have cast-iron mullions and transoms containing small lozenge-shaped panes set within cast-iron frames. The other windows of the church are similar in form, but now lack their original mullions and transoms. The interior (Pl. 24B) has been remodelled and now presents no features of interest, but the pulpit still occupies its original position against the centre of the NW wall; there may formerly have been a gallery.

328. **Kulmani, Duror.** This building, now occupied as a private residence, was one of a group of Highland manses built at government expense to standard designs. It was completed in 1827,² and stands 60 m SE of the church (No. 244) that was built at the same time.

The existing structure (Pl. 97C) is H-shaped on plan (Fig. 219) and conforms closely to Telford's published design for 'a manse of one story',³ the principal variation being that the NW portion of the SW wing, shown by Telford as a byre, projects no further than the corresponding part of the NE wing. Numerous minor alterations have taken place, including the remodelling of all fireplaces and the insertion of two bay-windows in the central division of the principal, or SE, façade. The re-entrant angles between the rear parts of the wings and the central block have been infilled to provide additional accommodation, that to the NE forming part of a kitchen which replaces the original one, now the sitting-room, in the NE wing. Despite these alterations, the building, which has harled and whitewashed walls and slated roofs neatly trimmed with lead ridging, retains much of its original character.

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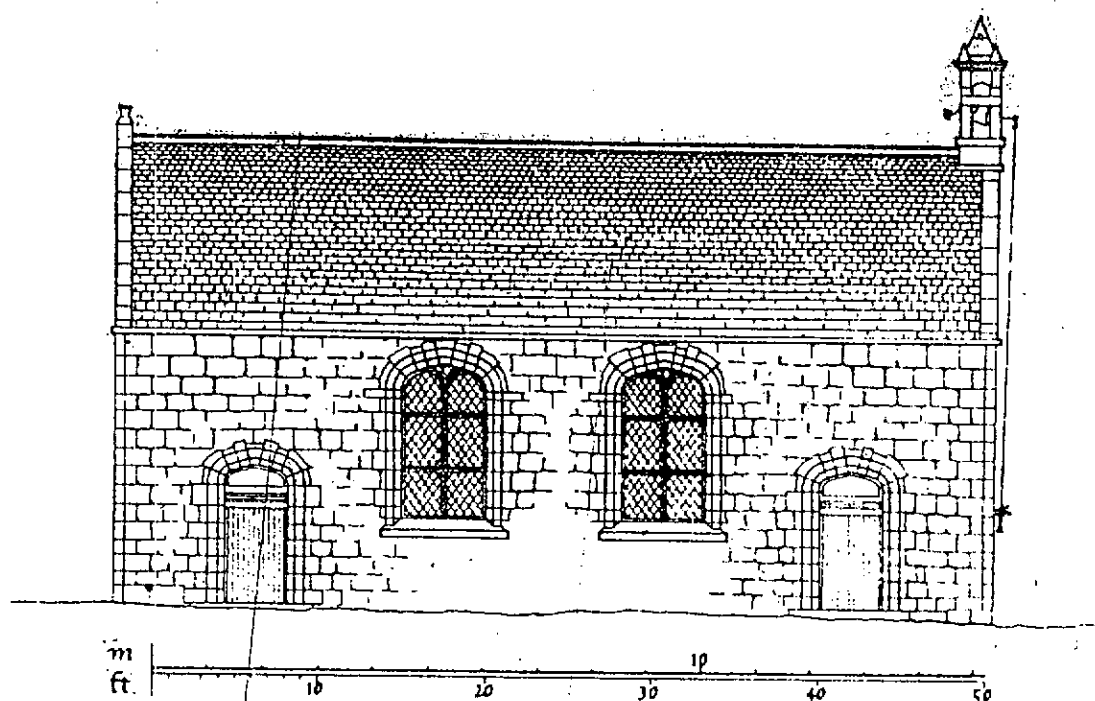


Fig. 119. Parish Church, Duror (No. 244); elevation